

minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that after the first vote in any sequence, the succeeding votes be limited to 10 minutes each: Coburn Amendment No. 2374 (listed above), Coburn Amendment No. 2377 (listed above), Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 2371 (listed above), Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 2370 (listed above), Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 2372 (listed above), Wicker Modified Amendment No. 2366 (listed above), and Vitter Amendment No. 2376 (listed above). **Page S9365**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Dennis K. Burke, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

Steven M. Dettelbach, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Carter M. Stewart, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Daniel G. Bogden, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Peter F. Neronha, of Rhode Island, to be United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island for the term of four years.

Neil H. MacBride, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years. **Page S9390**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Cynthia L. Quarterman, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Carmen Lomellin, of Virginia, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Cynthia Stroum, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Chai Rachel Feldblum, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2013.

Irvin M. Mayfield, Jr., of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2014. **Page S9390**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—276) **Page S9349**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9390.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael G. Mullen, for reappointment as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and reappointment to the grade of admiral, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

AIR OPERATIONS IN CONGESTED AIRSPACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on the Hudson River midair collision and the safety of air operations in congested airspace, after receiving testimony from Christopher A. Hart, Vice Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Richar L. Day, Senior Vice President for Operations, Air Traffic Organization, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; James K. Coyne, National Air Transportation Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Edward Kragh, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, New Hope, Pennsylvania.

PRICE VOLATILITY IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine potential costs and price volatility in the energy sector, focusing on the greenhouse gas trading program, after receiving testimony from Brent Yacobucci, Specialist in Energy and Environmental Policy, Congressional Research

Service, Library of Congress; Eileen Claussen, Pew Center on Global Climate Change, Arlington, Virginia; Jason Grumet, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, D.C.; Joseph R. Mason, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; and Michael Wara, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, California.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine unemployment insurance benefits, after receiving testimony from Beth Shulman, National Employment Law Project, Douglas J. Holmes, UWC—Strategic Services on Unemployment & Workers' Compensation, Karen Campbell, The Heritage Foundation, and Gary Burtless, The Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; and Thomas S. Whitaker, North Carolina Employment Security Commission, Raleigh, on behalf of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Lee Andrew Feinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Barry B. White, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Norway, and Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, all of the Department of State, after the nominees, who were all introduced by Senator Kerry, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SECURITY CLEARANCE REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government

Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine security clearance reform, focusing on modernization, progress in reducing delays at the Department of Defense, improving executive reports to Congress and, the extent to which joint reform efforts reflect key factors in reform, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey D. Zients, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; John Berry, Director, United States Office of Personnel Management; James R. Clapper, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; David R. Shedd, Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Policy, Plans and Requirements, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

MENTAL ILLNESS IN U.S. PRISONS AND JAILS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine human rights, focusing on mental illness in United States prisons and jails, after receiving testimony from Harley G. Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Samuel Bagenstos, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, and Mary Lou Leary, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, all of the Department of Justice; Gary D. Maynard, Secretary, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Towson; Michael P. Randle, Director, Illinois Department of Corrections, Springfield; Kathryn E. Zenoff, Presiding Justice, Second Appellate Court of Illinois, Rockford; and David L. Fuller, Manhattan Outreach Consortium, Brooklyn, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3563–3578; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 185; and H. Res. 744, 747 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: LPage H9550

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 745, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3246) to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial

application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy (H. Rept. 111–255) and H. Res. 746, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3221) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 111–256).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Speier to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at noon.

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